GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF TSUNAMI VICTIMS IN A & N
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various rehabilitation measures so far taken in Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the Tsunami victims;

(b) whether the work related to reconstruction of dwelling units have been stopped due to shortage of land;

(c) if so, whether there is a need to acquire forest land in order to accommodate all the victims of Tsunami;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) : Statement showing the various rehabilitation measures taken so far, is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(b) to (e): No, Sir. However, out of 70 locations, 8 are located in forest land. The process of de-reservation of forest has been initiated in these cases. 16.2 hectares of forest land has been identified in respect of which Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study is being conducted by National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT). The Forest Department will be requested to de-reserve the forest land as soon as EIA report is received from NIOT.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE VARIOUS REHABILITATION MEASURES TAKEN SO FAR IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS FOR TSUNAMI VICTIMS

9797 permanent shelters are being constructed at 70 locations in ten Islands to rehabilitate the Tsunami victims who lost their houses.

3862.28 hectare of agriculture land has been reclaimed.

Multi tier cropping with inter cropping of fruit plants and vegetable plants is being introduced.

228 skill building programme covering 3532 candidates were organized at different locations capturing trades like carpentry, general engineering, computer application, fruit and vegetable processing, plumbing, machinery works, tailoring and repairing.

Special package for traders and businessmen was sanctioned for writing off of outstanding loan upto Rs.2 lakh and waiving of interest on loans above Rs.2 lakh.

Special scheme for replacement of livestock lost due to Tsunami has been sanctioned for replacing cattle, goats, pigs and poultry.

2759 fishermen were affected and 2139 boats were damaged. 1889 boats were repaired/replaced and remaining boats have been taken up for repair, etc.

117 fish vendors and 453 pisciculturists were compensated by extending financial assistance.

Free ration has been continued upto 31 lt December, 2007 for approximately 42000 people still living in intermediate shelters.

In addition, massive repair/reconstruction work was started in respect of ports, jetties and shipping, power, roads, bridges and other infrastructure which has resulted in requirement of skilled and semi-skilled personnel and thus job opportunities for the people. An assessment was made in 8677 families living in intermediate shelters and one member per family was considered for at least 300 days of daily wage option in a year.